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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A method of coating metal tubing comprising the steps of:
- (1) applying an epoxy coating containing epoxy paint and plastic particles onto an outer surface of a metal tubing;
 - (2) curing said coating on said metal tubing; and
 - (3) applying a substrate to said metal tubing prior to being covered by said epoxy coating.

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